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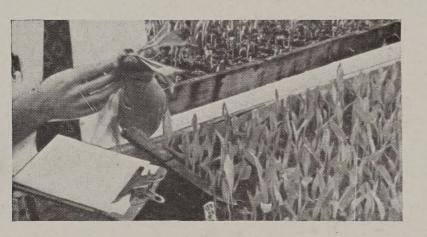
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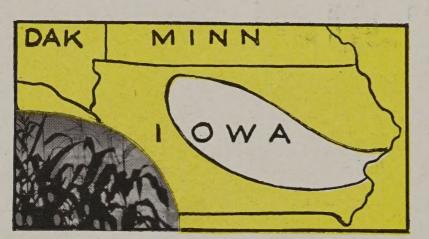
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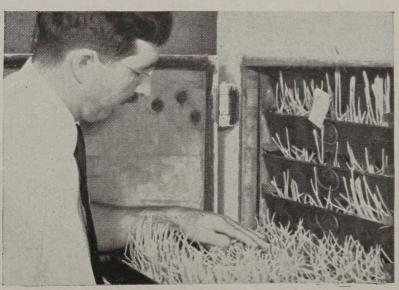
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COLD TEMPERATURE TEST 50° F.

RESEARCH

Pioneer's efficient research staff is continually experimenting and searching for the hidden superior characteristics in old and new inbred strains. Each year they strive to develop hybrid combinations more productive and better adapted to the various corn belt conditions. Under the watchful eyes of these scientists, those few promising combinations discovered out of the many made and tested, must prove themselves superior year after year, before they are released for commercial production.

GROWN SOUTH

Pioneer hybrid seed corn is produced mainly in the south central corn belt for protection from early frost and to assure you of fully matured seed and undamaged germination. This protection from early frost helps to account for the consistent good stands produced by Pioneer. The maturity of a hybrid is determined by its parents and not by the locality in which it is produced.

GERMINATION

Pioneer seed corn is tested by the usual germination tests. In addition, it must germinate vigorously in two separately conducted cold tests, where only the strong will survive.

Representative samples of all Pioneer seed, imbedded in trays of moist corn field soil, are subjected for seven days to a COLD TEST in refrigerators held at 50 degrees temperature. The corn is then transferred to the warm germinators.

GERMINATION

SORTING

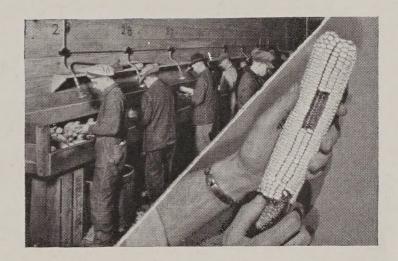
Soon after the corn is harvested from Pioneer seed fields, trained workers carefully hand sort it ear by ear. Corn unsatisfactory for seed is discarded. Damaged kernels are picked out of the good ears—and the weak, chaffy, moldy and off-type ears are thrown out. On the average, about 140 pounds of ear corn from the field on October 1st is required to produce a bushel of sorted, dried, shelled and graded Pioneer hybrid seed.

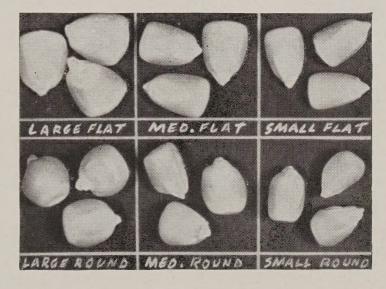
GRADING

Pioneer hybrid seed corn is accurately graded into six uniform kernel sizes—large, medium and small flat—large, medium and small round. Grading machines efficiently divide the kernels—blow out those which are light and chaffy—remove tips and cracked kernels, leaving only the clean, healthy seed. The size or shape of a Pioneer seed kernel bears no relation to the yield, size or quality of corn it grows. Each kernel of each hybrid carries exactly the same heredity and produces the same type of corn regardless of its size and shape.

COLD TESTS

As a double-check on Pioneer's germination, representative samples of all seed is actually planted in outdoor gardens under the adverse conditions of early March. To survive these unusually rigid tests requires seed with stamina and strength far in excess of the actual growing conditions usually found in your fields.







PLANTED IN OUTDOOR GARDENS IN MARCH.

SCIENTIFIC BREEDING



Raymond F. Baker



Perry M. Collins

PIONEER CORN BREEDERS

This staff of Scientific Corn Breeders is constantly working in their laboratory—the rich soil of the corn belt—to develop and produce hybrid seed corn of superior quality and outstanding performance.



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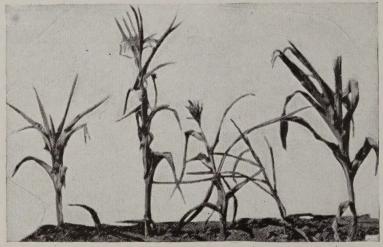
James Weatherspoon

INBREEDING—First Step

By inbreeding well selected ears, varied plant types are developed. Some off-spring are outstandingly strong and vigorous, while others are weak and useless. Each year Pioneer Breeders discard hundreds of thousands of weak plants, saving only desirable types for further development.



UNIFORMITY OF PIONEER INBRED STRAINS



ONLY THE STRONG OFFSPRING ARE SAVED

After many years of careful inbreeding, the weak and undesirable characteristics are weeded out. Only the strongest plants survive the vigorous inbreeding period of from five to eight generations.

The result is a pure inbred—small, frail in appearance, but uniform and true to definite characteristics, such as—disease resistance—plant height—stiffness of stalk—heaviness of root system—size of ear—color of leaf and ear height. An inbred strain remains pure and breeds true to its characteristics as long as foreign pollen does not contaminate it.

OF PIONEER HYBRIDS

EXPERIMENTAL TESTING HYBRID CROSSES—Second Step



POLLEN BAGS ON TASSELS

Pioneer Breeders make about 375,000 handpollinations every year.

Out of the hundreds of "single-crosses" produced every year, only a portion are good enough for experimental work in final "fourway crosses"

Of the hundreds of final crosses made year after year by Pioneer, only a small number prove superior to those already produced.

These few outstanding combinations are then grown and tested for a number of years in the localities where they may be sold if they continue to be superior.



SMALL INBREDS CROSSED PRODUCE
HYBRID



LOCATIONS showing large yield test plots where Pioneer hybrid crosses are tested



TESTING THE YIELD

FINAL "FOUR WAY" HYBRID CROSS—Third Step

Pioneer hybrid seed corn is produced in large crossing fields near modern drying and grading plants.

Detasseling the fields from twelve to fifteen times each season requires hundreds of capable men and women.

Pioneer hybrid seed corn is picked only from the detasseled rows. The corn on the male rows is self-pollinated and is not used as hybrid seed.



HUNDREDS DETASSEL PIONEER



PULLING A TASSEL



DETASSELED FIELD OF PIONEER











A real profit maker, producing attractive ears. Has very deep, medium soft starch kernels—small, fast drying cobs—gives you extra high yield—adapted maturity—strong roots—heavy, dark green foliage—resistant to drought and smut—shells very little when picked by machine. Many times its yield is under-estimated early in the season because of ear height variation. Occasionally subject to stalk breaking in late fall.



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Also see pages 6-7-8-9



THICK—CHUNKY EARS



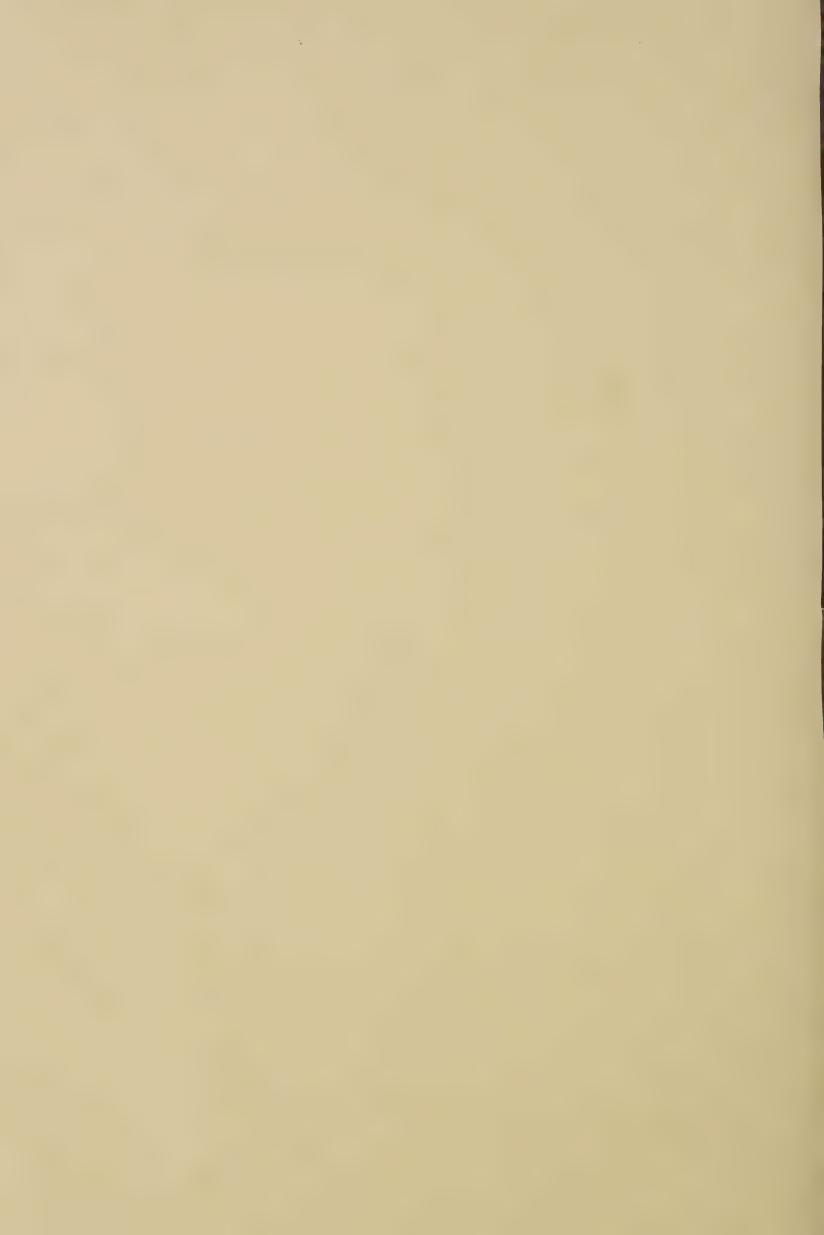
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A very high yielding hybrid made to order for fattening your cattle and hogs. Yields medium size, cylindrical shaped ears with very deep, soft starch kernels on a small, fast drying cob. Gives highest yields of sound, golden color grain and usually stands up better than any other hybrid in the same field. Mechanical pickers may leave some husks on the ears but practically no ears and very little shelled corn is left on the ground. Not well adapted to hand husking.

LONG EARS—EASY TO PICK

373

Long, attractive ears line the rows of the average field of 373 and each ear is packed with deep, sound kernels on a small, fast drying cob. The medium soft starch texture of this grain makes fast gains on cattle and sells at top market prices. Has splendid field appearance . . . heavy yield and is resistant to ear dropping. Subject to stalk breaking in late fall when planted on high nitrogen soil. Husks very easy by hand and picks very well with a machine, even though some stalks are broken.



SUMMARY OF



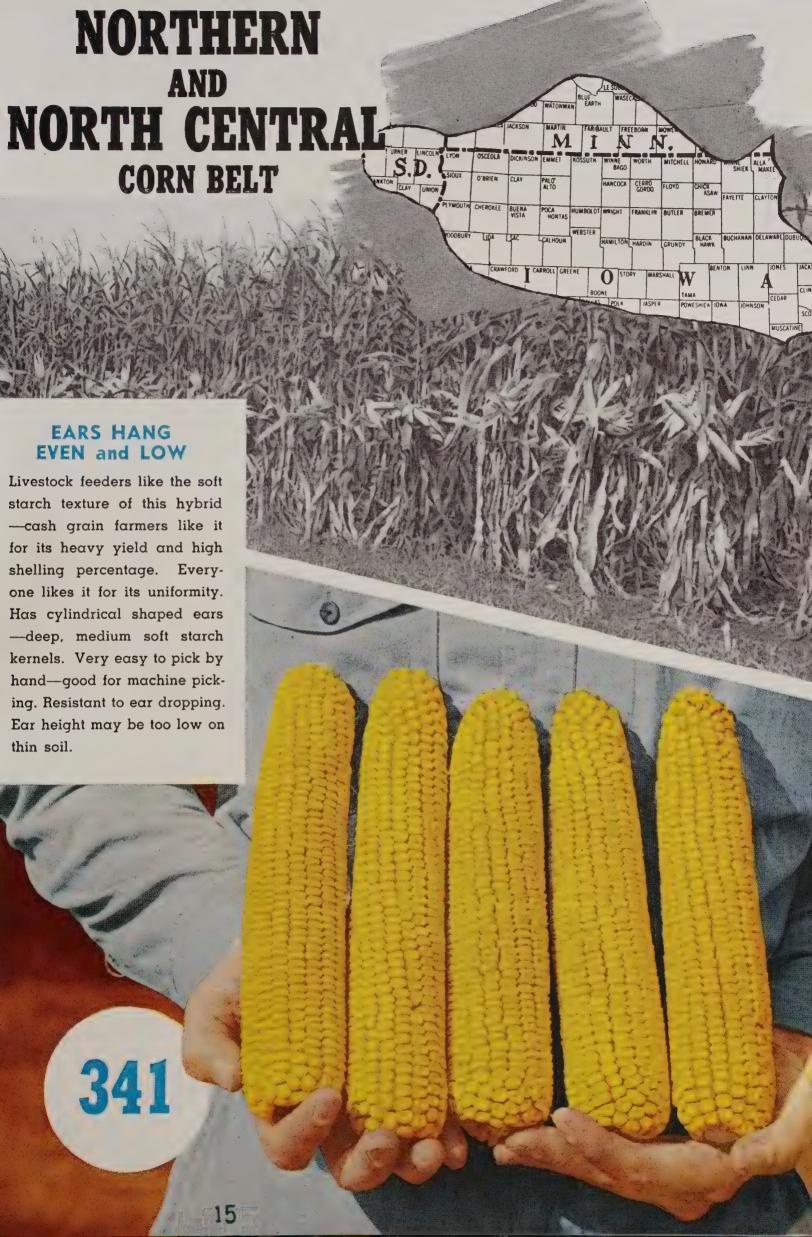
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The characteristics of the hybrids listed above are based on comparisons with the average Pioneer hybrid—not on comparisons with the open-pollinated corn or competitive hybrids. For instance, where a hybrid rates "Fair" for "Stiffness of Stalk" in these tables, it would actually rate "Very Stiff" if compared under open-pollinated standards.

ESTIMATED MATURITY DIFFERENCES AMONG PIONEER HYBRIDS IN DAYS

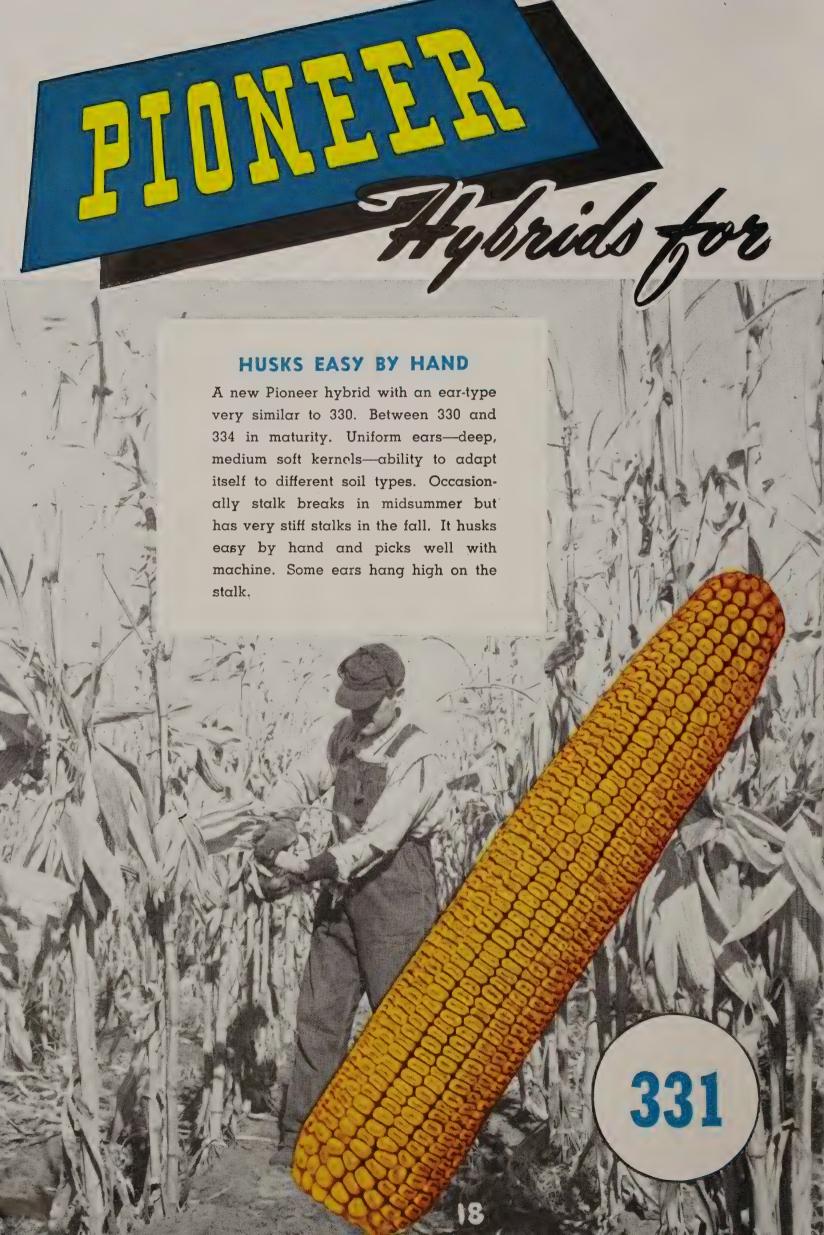
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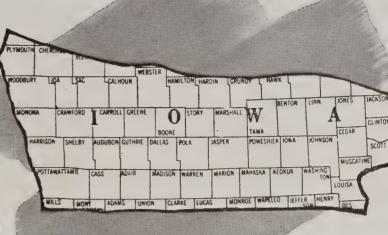








CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IOWA



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VERY STIFF STALKS

This hybrid is resistant to lodging—stalks stand up throughout the corn season like a field of soldiers "at attention". Excellent yield record.

Growers like the deep kernels and small, fast drying cobs—foliage is dark green—northern and north central farmers praise it for silage. Resistant to ear dropping and smut. Is not particularly easy to pick by hand and shells some with a picker.

334

SOFT STARCH KERNELS

In addition to yielding a bountiful crop
of rugged-looking ears, the deep kernels
are medium-soft starch and of excellent quality.

Does well on a wide variety of soil types and
resists smut, mold and drought. The beautiful dark
green foliage stamps this as a "healthy" hybrid. Easy
to husk with a picker. Root lodges under some conditions.



300

YIELDS ABUNDANTLY

Many farmers call 300 "Old Reliable" because of its dependable yield and good quality feed. Has big, rough dent, straight rowed, "show type" ears—uniformly large from butt to tip—soft starch, wide and deep kernels—stiff stalks and dark green foliage. Root lodges in some seasons. Easy to husk by hand and picks well by machine. Resistant to smut and drought. On fertile soil it grows tall and ears are high.





SOUTHERN IOWA

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DOES WELL ON THIN GROUND

Here is a hybrid particularly adapted to Southern Iowa. Has one large, single ear to a stalk—medium low ear height—medium height stalks and does well on thin soil. Long husks protect the ears from smut, mold and tip damage. Its vigorous, leafy, stiff stalks resist breaking through the entire corn season. Tapering ears are well filled with lemon yellow kernels.

336

LONG EARS

For those growers who prefer a long eared, high yielding hybrid, here is one that performs well on all soil types. Its deep, medium-soft starch kernels make good feeding corn for both cattle and hogs. Has dark green, medium height stalks, usually with one big ear—stiff stalks—stands up well—good for hand and mechanical picking. On rich ground, it grows tall and ears hang high.

PIONEER 304 is a promising new hybrid for Southern Iowa. See pages 12, 13 and 22 for characteristics and record.

BASED ON AVERAGE RESULTS FROM PIONEER YIELD TEST

Records shown below under each of the 3 maturity belts are based on averages of several years of testing in Pioneer hand planted, replicated test fields. Twenty hills of each entry are planted in six different locations in each field and averaged at harvest time. A number of fields are planted annually in each maturity belt and results averaged. Then results of preceding years are averaged with latest figures.

NO	NORTHERN CORN BELT											
	Pioneer Number	Average Yield Per Acre	Average Moisture Oct. 15	Root Lodging Resistance Grade— The Higher the Better	Average Number Broken Stalks Per 100 Stalks	Average Number Dropped Ears Per 100 Stalks	Average Ear Height					
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Listed According To Moisture Content

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PIONEER SEED CORN GUIDE

To help you select the hybrids best adapted to your needs, we have described the outstanding characteristics of each. In addition, we have described those traits that sometimes develop under unfavorable conditions.

Even though we are planning an appreciable increase in seed acreage this summer, we sincerely believe that ALL Pioneer seed corn which we will be able to grow in 1944 for delivery in 1945, will be ordered this spring.

A Conditional Order PROTECTS You

PIONEER'S Conditional Order Plan makes it easy for you to order seed now for next year - - and with NO DOWN PAYMENT at this time.

If you wish you can . . .

1. Change your order this fall, or

2. Cancel your order completely this fall.

To guard against selling more corn than we will produce, each Pioneer representative has been given a limit on the amount of seed he will be permitted to sell this spring for delivery next year. When this allotted amount has been sold, he will be unable to accept additional orders for Pioneer, unless the crop is quite large this fall.

ORDER NOW . . . to plant in 1945

We suggest you give your Pioneer representative a Conditional Order early this spring, if you want Pioneer seed in 1945. If you do not know your local Pioneer representative, write to us and we will send his name and address.

Yours very truly,

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PIONEER HI-BRED CORN COMPANY

P.S. Over 60,000 Pioneer customers placed their orders for 1944

last spring and reserved over 80% of our crop. The 1943 crop

was 30,000 bushels larger than the 1942 crop.





Corn Borer Area

1934

10 Interesting Facts about the CORN BORER

European Corn borer entered America sometime between 1909 and 1913 in shipments of broom corn from Europe.

It was first discovered in 1917 working in sweet corn in New York State.

In Canada in 1926, it destroyed some four hundred thousand acres of corn.

Canada has since controlled the borer by good cleanup practices.

Each corn borer moth can lay as many as 500 eggs. These eggs hatch out in about a week's time.

Corn borers shed their skin five times while growing, as he gets too big for his clothes.

Corn borers when growing do not like hot, dry weather and many die under drought conditions.

The northern corn belt has one brood of borer a year while the central corn belt has two or more a year.

Corn borers live over the winter as the worm in the cornstalks or stubble.

Corn borers plowed under, usually come to the surface, where he will die if he does not have something in which to harbor. Clean plowing is one of the best control measures when the surface is left free of all refuse.

PIONEER

fights the CORN BORER

PIONEER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Pioneer Scientists are continually conducting extensive tests on Pioneer Hybrids under the CORN BORER conditions.

Pioneer Hybrids have been developed with the stamina and TOLERANCE to successfully mature and produce high yields in those fields where the corn borer may be present.



PIONEER'S CORN BORER SPECIALIST

A. R. MARSTON supervises our Corn Borer Research. For many years he has been studying the habits, weaknesses and methods of control of the corn borer—right in the heart of the corn borer area.

This long experience in corn borer studies and corn breeding makes him highly qualified to head Pioneer's Corn Borer Research Staff:

- 8 years—Superintendent of Michigan State Corn Borer Experimental Station.
- 8 years—In charge of all Michigan State College Corn Breeding.

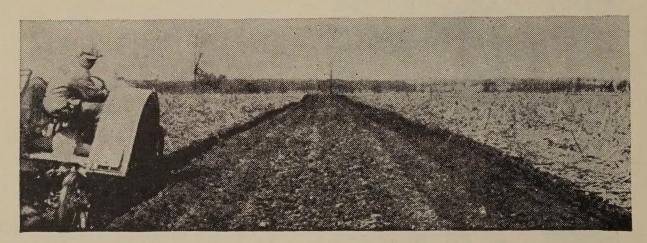
PIONEER bred for TOLERANCE



Stands Up Until Harvested

Pioneer TOLERANT hybrids are rugged . . . stiff, sturdy-stalked . . . and strong-shanked varieties. They can stand and produce high yields of quality corn, even though the corn borer may be present.

HOW TO COMBAT THE CORN BORER



Clean Plowing Kills the Corn Borer

- 1. Plant TOLERANT hybrids.
- 2. Cut low ... shred fodder ... put in silo where possible.
- 3. PLOW UNDER all stalks and stubble cleanly.
- 4. Do not drill small grain in standing stalks or stubble.
- 5. Do not plant too early.















EXCELLENT FEED

PIONEER puts 'Top Finish' on the Carlot Champions

Pioneer 'fed and finished' cattle and hogs have won Grand Championship awards in the Chicago Fat Stock Carlot Competition for the past 5 years. With its heavy yields—its solid, soft starch deep grain and small cobbed ears, Pioneer hybrid is rightfully known as 'The Corn or Plenty'.

BIG YIELDS

PIONEER continues to LEAD in Field, Feed Lot and Test Plot

Pioneer continues to lead—in high yield, under all kinds of growing conditions and on many different soil types—in thousands of farmers' fields everywhere—and in official state yield test plots. Pioneer corn has proven itself to be consistently superior and the "Blue Ribbon" hybrid of the field, feed lot and test plot.





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PROTECTS YOU



MAY SAVE YOU MANY DOLLARS

This Pioneer Replanting Agreement protects you against extra seed expense if you find it necessary to disc up and replant to corn any Pioneer hybrid field or portion of a field. You yourself decide whether or not you should replant. You are the sole judge. Every bushel of Pioneer is backed by this written agreement which may save you many dollars. It entitles you to free seed if you replant your Pioneer field to corn for any reason whatsoever—whether it's due to bad weather—insects—worms—birds—squirrels -mistakes in planting or any other reason. All you have to do is notify your local Pioneer representative who will serve you quickly and courteously.

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